

**CHAPTER NO. 334**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1716**

**By McNally, Henry, Cooper, Burks**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1598**

**By Arriola, McDonald, Lewis, Shepard, Overbey, Odom, Armstrong**

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 40; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to the scope of practice and reimbursement of senior psychological examiners and certified psychological assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-1-101(18), is amended by adding the language ", senior psychological examiner or certified psychological assistant;" after the language "psychological examiner;" and before the language "social worker who is certified with two (2), years of mental health experience or licensed".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-3-120(c), is amended by adding the language "senior psychological examiners" after the language "psychological examiners" and before the word "physicians".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-3-206(1), is amended by adding the language "senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant" after the language "psychological examiner" and before the language "behavior analyst".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-3-208(1), is amended by adding the language "senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant" after the language "psychological examiner" and before the language "behavior analyst".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-427(b)(1), is amended by adding the language "senior psychological examiner" after the language "psychological examiner" and before the language "social worker".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-802 is amended by adding the language "or licensed senior psychological examiner or certified psychological assistant" after the language "licensed psychological examiner" and before the word "from".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-804(a), is amended by substituting the language "or a licensed senior psychological examiner or a licensed psychological examiner or a certified psychological assistant" after the language "licensed psychologist" and before the language "from the department of correction".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-205(c), is amended by adding the language "or licensed senior psychological examiner or certified psychological assistant" after the language "licensed psychological examiner" and before the word "designated".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2401(a), is amended by adding the language "or certified psychological assistant" after the language "licensed psychological examiner" and before the language "supervised as provided".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2401(a), is further amended by adding the language ", or licensed senior psychological examiner" after the language "supervised as provided by Title 63, Chapter 11" and before "or a duly licensed podiatrist as defined".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2401(a), is further amended by adding the language "or certified psychological assistant supervised as provided by Title 63, Chapter 11, or duly licensed senior psychological examiner or" after the language "shall be entitled to reimbursement for such services, whether such services are performed by a duly licensed physician or by a duly licensed optometrist or a duly licensed podiatrist or a duly licensed psychologist designated as a health service provider or duly licensed psychological examiner supervised as provided by Title 63, Chapter 11, or" and before the language "duly licensed independent practitioner of social work".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-104(h), is amended by adding the language ", senior psychological examiners and certified psychological assistants" after the language "psychological examiners".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-113(b), is amended by adding the language "licensed senior psychological examiners, certified psychological assistants" after the language "licensed psychological examiners" and before the language "psychiatric nurses".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-115(e), is amended by adding the professional title references of "licensed senior psychological examiner", "certified psychological assistant" after the professional title reference of "licensed psychological examiner" and before the professional title reference of "licensed psychologist".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-117(b), is amended by adding the language "licensed senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant" after the language "licensed psychological examiner" and before the language "licensed psychologist".

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-202(d), is amended by adding the professional title references of "licensed senior psychological examiner", "certified psychological assistant" after the professional title reference of "licensed psychological examiner" and before the professional title reference of "licensed psychologist".

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-204(c), is amended by adding the language "licensed senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant" after the language "licensed psychological examiner" and before the language "psychiatric nurses".


SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-23-107 is amended by adding the language "senior psychological examiners and certified psychological assistants" after the language "psychological examiners" and before the language "and client".

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-607 is amended by adding the language "licensed senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant" after the language "licensed psychological examiner" and before the words "certified masters social worker".


SECTION 20. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 23, 2001**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR